

with Amherst High School. By 1980 the group became incorporated as an independent not-for-profit organization. The group currently consists of 45 members from all over the Western New York area. With a varied repertoire of music, the Red Blazer Men's Chorus can perform anything from Barbershop to Broadway, and have sung nearly 800 pieces in total over their illustrious history.

For a number of years the Red Blazer Men's Chorus served as an active member of the Associated Male Choruses of America, including when they hosted the AMCA International Big Sing, that brought 42 choruses and their 900 members to Buffalo in 1998. Recently, the group has crossed the border to work with the Association of Male Choruses of Ontario.

The Red Blazer Men's Chorus has performed in 28 cities across the United States and Canada. Their current lineup of regular events includes the annual spring Red Blazer Variety Series, an annual concert honoring veterans and active servicemembers, and holiday-themed shows. They continue to find new ways to connect with different audiences. In 2016 they launched a new Senior Citizen Concert Series, in which they perform for individuals in assisted living facilities who may not be able to go out on their own. Along with that they have worked with a multitude of groups including the from Lockport Male Chorus, Amherst Symphony Orchestra, and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 70th anniversary of the Red Blazer Men's Chorus during the 2018 Red Blazer Varieties. I commend their talents, longevity, and contributions to the music and art of Western New York. May they experience continued success in all their future endeavors.

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARIZONA STATE MUSEUM

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arizona State Museum on its 125th year anniversary. For 125 years, the Arizona State Museum has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to educating the public through guarding, preserving, and studying the State of Arizona's archaeological resources.

Founded in 1893, the Arizona State Museum was one of the nation's three original university-based museums of archaeology established in the late 19th century. The museum's researchers are leaders in the field of Southwest archaeology and are sought after internationally for their expertise and groundbreaking research. This gives our desert community a unique opportunity to gain insight about the diverse cultural heritage of Arizona and have meaningful experiences. The Arizona State Museum has been a leading voice advocating for the preservation of cultural artifacts not just in Arizona, but at the national level as well. In July of 1990, Dr. Raymond H. Thompson, former Director of the Arizona State Museum, testified before the United States Congress as the American Association of Museum's representative in sup-

port of the proposed Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). NAGPRA was adopted in November 1990, and continues to be a significant piece of legislation to preserve Native American cultural items.

I am especially grateful for the Museum's dedication to gathering a comprehensive collection that represents the diverse cultural heritage of the Southwest, including the region's Native American roots. The Arizona State Museum holds the world's largest and most comprehensive collections of Southwest Tribal cultures from 13,000 years ago to present, and is home to two large collections of Native American pottery and basketry that are federally designated American Treasures.

I congratulate the Arizona State Museum on their 125th anniversary and look forward to supporting their continued efforts to preserve and document the cultural artifacts of our great State of Arizona.

**DANAIS REZA DIAZ**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Danais Reza Diaz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Danaís Reza Diaz is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Danaís Reza Diaz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Danaís Reza Diaz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

**HONORING HERRMANN SPETZLER**

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of my friend, Herrmann Spetzler, who passed away on March 12, 2018, at the age of 70. As the longtime chief executive officer of the Open Door Community Health Centers in Northern California, Herrmann was a visionary leader in the field of rural primary health care who improved the lives of thousands of North Coast residents.

Born in Nuremberg, Germany in 1948, Herrmann Spetzler immigrated to the United States in 1955. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Los Angeles in 1971, Herrmann entered the field of health care and worked to address mental health and alcoholism issues throughout California. He moved to Arcata in 1977 to

become chief executive officer of the Humboldt Open Door Clinic, a single storefront clinic run by volunteers with a sense of optimism. Under Herrmann's leadership, that clinic grew into thirteen clinic locations in Humboldt and Del Norte counties and became the Open Door Community Health Centers (Open Door), the region's largest provider of primary medical, dental, and mental health care.

Along with his wife, Cheyenne who serves as Open Door's chief of operations, Herrmann transformed Open Door into a Federally Qualified Health Center open to all who seek services, working to overcome financial, geographic and social barriers to care. His goal was for every Open Door clinic to provide a level of service and quality that would allow his grandmother to feel comfortable as a patient there. Through his decades of expanding access to care by building new clinics, incorporating existing practices in the community, recruiting providers, and fostering an efficient and comprehensive approach to care, Herrmann remained guided by his vision and mission to provide high quality health care to all. He was instrumental in starting a successful family nurse practitioner residency program and a new community physician residency program that will help train primary care doctors to work in rural settings.

One of Herrmann's greatest strengths was his ability to understand the trends and impacts of health care policy on a national, state, and local level and translate that to others. Herrmann served as an advisor to me on policy issues as part of a health care advisory group, where he offered invaluable input. Herrmann surrounding himself with talented and capable people who he empowered to succeed and grow. As a result, Open Door will continue to fulfill its mission and his vision long into the future. Herrmann believed in social justice and treating all people fairly, including his staff, once taking out a second mortgage on his own home to make payroll during a particularly lean time.

In addition to earning his Master of Arts degree in Administration in 1985 from Humboldt State University, Herrmann was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in 2014. He was active in all things related to health care and served on numerous state-wide boards, including the California 1115 Medicaid Waiver Renewal Committee, Expanded Access to Primary Care Committee, and Statewide Primary Care Advisory Group, as well as regional boards such as the Clinic Network of Northern California, Humboldt County Community Breast Health Project, and Humboldt Child Care Council. He also cofounded the California Primary Care Association, North Coast Clinics Network, Clinic Mutual Insurance Company, Northern California Rural Round Table, and California State Rural Health Association, amongst others.

Herrmann loved to travel with his wife and family, hike and backpack, watch his grandchildren play sports, and practice photography. He saw the beauty in everyday interactions and was often seen behind his camera photographing the people and places around him. He had a warmth and candor that imparted his authenticity and unique perspective on life.

Herrmann is survived by his wife, Cheyenne; his children, Gary, Maria, and Gabe, and their families; including grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Herrmann and